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Notes from Westport, Wn.

Time:- March 27th to March 30, 1920.

Place:- Westport, Grays Harbor County, Wn.

Party:- Stanton Warburton Jr., A. D. McGrew, Thos. D. Burleigh, F. S. Hall.

Object:- The study of early shore bird migration up the coast.

Results:- On March 27th, several Snowy Plover were seen and one Red-backed Sandpiper. Both of these are birds which can be found here throughout the winter so there was no evidence of any migration as yet. On the 28th, one Long-billed Dowitcher was taken. On the 29th, Red-backed Sandpipers were unexpectedly fairly plentiful, one of three Sanderlings was collected, and a flock of thirty-five Western Sandpipers was seen, two of which were secured. On the 30th, there was quite a flight of shore birds, flocks being seen in which there were fully a thousand birds, but these were wary and never came within gun range. Sanderlings and Red-backed Sandpipers were the only species taken. Of the land birds, Rufous Hummingbirds were plentiful from the first day, a Western Savannah Sparrow was taken on the 28th and one of a flock of five Myrtle Warblers appeared. That the spring migration is earlier on the coast than inland was later seen at Seattle for there the Rufous Hummingbirds were not plentiful until the first of April and the first Lutescent Warbler was seen April 7th.

Conclusions:- The latter part of March evidently sees the first movement of the shore birds up the coast, for the Western Sandpiper is not known to winter here not is the Long-billed Dowitcher. Had the weather been as better more interesting results would undoubtedly have been secured for the rain and fog which prevailed at this time must have retarded to some extent the flight of the birds.

Observation Notes in vicinity of Seattle.

The records from this locality were taken by D. E. Brown, A. M. Winslow, A. D. McGrew and Thomas D. Burleigh. Sundays invariably and week days occasionally were spent in the field, and much interesting data secured. The best record was that of an eastern Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca iliaca*) taken Feb. 15th at Renton, King County, the first as far as is known that has been found in the State. Six records were secured of the Orange-crowned Warbler during the winter; one bird on Dec. 26th; one on Jan. 31st; one on Feb. 9th; two on Feb. 13th, and one on Feb. 27th. This bird was never before known to have wintered here and whether it was merely overlooked or whether this was really the first winter it occurred here remains for the future to decide. On Dec. 21st a female Cabanis Woodpecker was collected, the first to be taken west of the Cascades. The first migrant appeared on Feb. 9th, - a Streaked Horned Lark. On Feb. 29th the first Tree Swallows were noted, on March 14th, the Myrtle Warbler and Nuttall's Sparrow; April 12th, the Cassin's Vireo, Northern Red-breasted Sapsucker and Western House Wren; April 14th, the Hermit Thrush (species ?); April 24th, the Cliff Swallow and Western Martin; April 26th, the Black-throated Gray Warbler, Macgillivray's Warbler, Townsend's Warbler and Western Flycatcher; April 28th, the Golden-crowned Sparrow; May 1st, the Golden Pileolated Warbler and California Yellow Warbler; May 2nd, the Western Chipping Sparrow; May 5th, the Lincoln's Sparrow; May 6th, the Lewis Woodpecker; May 8th, the Western Solitary Sandpiper and Barn Swallow; May 10th the Vaux Swift; May 12th the Western Warbling Vireo; May 14th the Black-headed Grosbeak; May 15th the Russet-backed Thrush; May 19th, the Western Wood Pewee and Lazuli Bunting.